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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Erich Kast, Hans-Joachim Wilke and Peter Weiland Inventor(s):

SPREADER IMPLANT FOR PLACEMENT BETWEEN VERTEBRAE FOR:

## **ENCLOSED ARE:**

- (X) Specification (<u>14</u> pages), Claims (<u>3</u> pages/<u>12</u> claims) & Abstract;
- (X) <u>two</u> (<u>2</u>) sheets of Drawings; (Figs. 1 4)
- (X) Declaration and Power of Attorney; UNSIGNED
  ( ) Assignment to <u>Advanced Medical Technologies AG</u>
- ( ) Certified copy of GermanPat.Appli.No: 102 48 170.9 filed Oct. 2002 the priority of which is claimed under 35 USC 119;
- (X) Small Entity Status is being claimed. (37 CFR 1.9 & 1.27);
- ( ) Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and \_\_\_\_ reference;

## THE FILING FEE HAS BEEN CALCULATED AS SHOWN BELOW:

	<u>Claims</u>	filed Ex	tra	SMALL	ENTITY	or	LARGE	ENTITY
Basic Fee				\$	385.00		\$	770.00
Total Claims	12	-20=	x	\$ 9.=		x \$	18.=	
Indep. Claims	1	- 3=	x	\$ 43.=		x \$	86.=	_
() Multiple De	pendent	Claim Presen	ted? x	\$145.=		x \$	290.=	

Respectfully submitted

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